

ASTHMA

Did a doctor ever tell you that you had asthma?

- In 2000, 11% of adult Montanans reported that they had ever been told that they had asthma.
- Adults aged 18 to 24 (15%) were more likely to report having ever been told they had asthma than adults aged 65 and older (7%).

Do you still have asthma?

- Of the 11% of Montanans ever told that they had asthma, 75% reported in the 2000 survey that they still had asthma.
- Small sample size and broad confidence intervals obscure differences among subpopulations.

Do you currently have asthma?

- In 2000, the self-reported prevalence of adults aged 18 and older who currently have asthma was estimated to be 8%.
- There appear to be no discernable differences among subpopulations for current asthmatics.

Note: Current asthma is defined as having answered “yes” to: “Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have asthma?” and “Do you still have asthma?” The denominator includes all respondents, excluding those who either “refused” to answer one or more of the asthma questions or responded “don’t know/not sure.”

Table 10. Asthma, Montana Adults, 2000 (with 95% confidence intervals).

	Ever told you have asthma			Still have asthma*			Currently have asthma**		
	Total No.	WT.%	CI	Total No.	WT.%	CI	Total No.	WT.%	CI
All Adults:									
2000	3014	11.4	9.9-13.0	324	74.9	68.6-81.2	3007	8.3	7.0-9.6
Sex:									
Male	1289	10.6	8.3-13.0	115	70.3	59.6-80.9	1286	7.2	5.2-9.1
Female	1725	12.2	10.2-14.2	209	78.6	71.2-85.9	1721	9.4	7.5-11.2
Age:									
18-24	228	15.2	9.1-21.2	31			227	10.4	5.0-15.7
25-34	417	12.4	8.5-16.3	50	74.4	60.5-88.3	415	8.5	5.2-11.8
35-44	676	12.1	8.7-15.5	75	78.7	66.9-90.4	675	9.5	6.4-12.5
45-54	646	11.6	8.2-15.0	69	68.8	53.7-83.8	645	7.9	5.1-10.7
55-64	417	11.6	7.1-16.0	49			416	8.3	4.6-12.0
65+	626	7.3	4.7-9.8	50	84.5	70.0-99.0	625	5.9	3.7-8.1
Education:									
<High School	285	14.7	9.1-20.3	44			284	10.8	6.0-15.5
High School	976	7.2	5.2-9.1	85	76.6	63.9-89.3	975	5.4	3.7-7.1
Some College	905	12.1	9.1-15.2	97	77.4	66.5-88.2	902	9.2	6.4-12.0
College Degree	846	14.0	10.9-17.2	97	70.8	59.5-82.1	844	9.5	6.8-12.1
Income:									
<\$15,000	290	19.2	12.8-25.6	56	62.9	44.3-81.5	288	11.1	6.6-15.6
\$15,000 - \$24,999	635	11.1	7.9-14.2	68	75.8	62.0-89.6	634	8.1	5.4-10.8
\$25,000 - \$49,999	902	10.1	7.7-12.6	93	74.1	62.9-85.2	900	7.3	5.2-9.5
\$50,000 - \$74,999	320	9.9	5.4-14.5	28			319	6.3	2.6-10.0
\$75,000+	200	16.0	8.8-23.2	20			200	11.3	5.2-17.4
Race:									
White, non-Hispanic	2597	11.1	9.5-12.7	272	73.3	66.4-80.3	2591	7.8	6.5-9.2
Non-white or Hispanic	407	15.4	9.5-21.2	51	85.7	76.1-95.4	406	13.1	7.3-18.9

* Denominator is persons who were ever told they have asthma

** Denominator is all respondents, including those who were told they had asthma

Figure 9. Lifetime Asthma by Sex and Age Class, Montana Adults, 2000.

